



Agenda Item Summary

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Alachua County Motel Conversions Update

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Description:

Operational and programmatic planning for motels

Recommended Action:

Hear presentation

Prior Board Motions:

N/A

Fiscal Note:

N/A

Strategic Guide:

Housing

Background:

The Alachua County Board of County Commissioners, in response to an increasing demand for housing has purchased three properties, two of which are former motels and one apartment complex. The former motels and the apartment building will provide housing to unhoused people who have a disability and/or apply for disability. Some of the individuals may be employed, but all are below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level. The former Budget Inn, Scottish Inn, and the Sunshine Residence Inn are all currently under renovations to ensure that residents have access to safe and affordable housing.

The Community Support Services Department, Facilities, and Procurement are serving as part of an interdepartmental team to oversee the renovations of all three sites. The Sunrise Residence Inn offers HUD issued vouchers and is currently occupied with tenants who had leases under the former owner, St. Francis. Emergency repairs have been completed at the Sunrise Residence Inn and there are plans for future renovations.

The former Scottish Inn renovations are expected to be completed by September 30, 2025, whereas the former Budget Inn renovations are expected to be completed early 2026.

The County will contract with Alachua County Housing Authority for the management of all three sites.